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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE OF DOLS 4.3 MILLION OF AMMUNITION BY

REMINGTON ARMS TO GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT

REF: STATE 165036

- 1. IT APPEARS TO US THAT AN ERROR MAY HAVE BEEN MADE BY REMINGTON ON THIS ORDER.
- 2. FIRST OF ALL, MINISTER OF DEFENSE RUBIO INFORMED MILGP COMMANDER THAT NO SUCH ORDER HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE GOG. THE ORDER WOULD HAVE HADE TO COME THROUGH RUBIO'S OFFICE EVEN IF IT WERE A CIVILIAN BUY SINCE ALL MUNITIONS ARE CONTROLLED BY THE MOD. ANY CARTRIDGES ABOVE

 .25 CALIBER CAN BE SOLD ONLY BY THE GOVERNMENT. RUBIO IS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHO IS ORDERING IN THE THE NAME OF THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT.
- 3. IN ADDITION, THE USUAL YEARLY BUY FOR THE GUATEMALAN ARMED FORCES OF ALL MUNITIONS INCLUDING SMALL ARMS, ARTILLERY AMMUNITION, ROCKETS, ETC., DOES NOT EXCEED \$900,000. THE NATIONAL POLICE SPEND ABOUT \$14,000 PER YEAR FOR AMMUNITION BUT THIS ORDER GOES THROUGH THE MOD. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF 9MM LUGAR, 9MM SHORT OR RIFLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMMUNITION (7.62, CAL 30) WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED

IN A MILITARY ORDER. MILITARY MUNITION BUYS ARE USUALLY DONE THROUGH FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) CHANNELS.

4. WE RECOMMEND THAT AN EXPORT LICENSE FOR GUATEMALA NOT BE ISSUED AND THAT REMINGTON BE QUIERIED AS TO WHETHER THERE MAY HAVE BEEN AN ERROR IN NAMING GUATEMALA AS THE PURCHASER. HOWEVER, IF AN ORDER WAS ACTUALLY PLACED, IT IS REQUESTED THAT WE BE FURNISHED THE NAME OF THE PERSON OR COMPANY THAT MADE IT. MELOY

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